

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. - 4. (canceled)
5. (previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 20.
6. (previously presented) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 5, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID NO: 19.
7. (previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleic acid sequence which encodes a polypeptide comprising amino acids 24-579 of SEQ ID NO: 20.
8. (cancelled)
9. (previously presented) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 5 consisting of SEQ ID NO: 19.
10. - 11. (canceled)
12. (previously presented) A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 5.
13. (original) The vector of claim 12, further comprising a promoter operably-linked to said nucleic acid molecule.
14. (currently amended) A cell comprising the vector of claim 12, wherein said cell is transformed with said vector.

15. - 29. (canceled)

30. (previously presented) A composition comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 5 and a pharmaceutically-acceptable carrier.

31. - 32. (canceled)

33. (previously presented) A kit comprising in one or more containers, the composition of claim 30.

34. - 42. (canceled)

43. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A variant of the nucleic acid molecule of ~~claim 42~~ claim 5, wherein the nucleotide at position 227 is T or C.

44. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A variant of the nucleic acid molecule of ~~claim 42~~ claim 5, wherein the nucleotide at position 482 is T or C.

45. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A variant of the nucleic acid molecule of ~~claim 42~~ claim 5, wherein the nucleotide at position 523 is A or G.

46. (currently amended) ~~T-The~~ A variant of the nucleic acid molecule of ~~claim 42~~ claim 5, wherein the nucleotide at position 548 is G or A.

47. (currently amended) ~~The~~ A variant of the nucleic acid molecule of ~~claim 42~~ claim 5, wherein the nucleotide at position 573 is G or A.

48. (currently amended) The nucleic acid molecule of claim 42 wherein the nucleotide at position 684 is T or C.